

MISSION COMMITTEE MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

In attendance: Kevin Sangster, Marg McCafferty, Al King, Denise King, Pat Knott, Sheila Williams, Pat Schaffer and Darlene Watson.

The meeting began at 11:11 a.m. with prayer said by all.

Minutes: The minutes were reviewed, and a Motion was made by Denise King to accept the minutes as read and was seconded by Darlene Watson. All were in favor and the Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The interest in the Westcott Will fund will go to the church while the \$40,000.00 remains invested. Should the church close, the Diocese will distribute the funds to the community as stated in the Will. A Motion was made by Darlene Watson and seconded by Pat Schaffer. All were in favor and the Motion passed.

Sr. Warden's Report: The lawn company needs to plant two new bushes that were killed when they were sprayed with weed killer. The facilities need to be maintained rather than waiting for something to go wrong. The office windows will be replaced by the end of September. The two cracked windows in the Sunday School room will be replaced. Our emphasis going forward needs to be bringing in new members, although we have added several in the last month or two.

Kevin was asked the meaning of 'quarter time' for a priest. It is not the numbers of weeks he would preach, but the hours he would put in during the week, i.e., pastoral visits, additional office time outside of Sunday service, etc. If we get a retired priest, we would not be paying for pension or insurance. We may also be able to get a "vocational" deacon to work alongside the priest and help with things, such as Bible study. Transition Officer Joann Izzo or the Bishop will speak with Fr. Russell about his time with us. We are also looking to get new ministries here at Good Shepherd. We need to suggest to our members that they have the option of including Good Shepherd in their Will.

The ramp will have to be replaced at some time in the future. All the lights in the buildings need to be replaced with LED's. The office floor tiles need to be replaced as we get the money for that project. The Fellowship Hall needs to be replaced as soon as we get the money to do so. We should plan to have a new Church Hall in place by our 125th anniversary in 2029.

Kevin received a proposal from Nissenbaum Law Group to draft a lease/facilities use agreement for the church. However, they want an \$8,500 retainer, and the charge for the service should be between \$3,500.00 and \$5,000.00.

For the Bishop's visit next week, since we won't have a priest, the \$200.00 plus any special collection received then will go to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

Jr. Warden's Report: As presented. We are looking for a new lawn cutting service.

Budget/Stewardship: Denise is working on the Budget for 2024, and monies will be set aside for Outreach and Fundraising. We will meet for the October meeting on October 8.

Amended By-laws: As presented. All changes were agreed upon and approved.

New Business: The contract for installing the TV and speakers in church is \$1,105.00. All were in favor and the contract was approved.

The Mission Annual Report and Grant Request is due for filing on October 1. We are going to request about \$20,000.00.

With Arretta Cuff's passing, her share of the GSFF will go back into the fund. It was suggested that we contribute \$500 from the GSFF towards her funeral expenses. All were in favor.

Kevin is writing a letter to the Unclaimed Funds Department at the State to recover \$771.98 that is for Good Shepherd and has been overlooked until now.

Darlene will be selling tickets on Berlin Day, Saturday, October 14, from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and at Brotherton Brewery, Atco, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Marks of Mission/Fair Share: We are not sure what our share will be this year, but it should be close to last year's request.

A Motion was made by Al King to accept the above and was seconded by Pat Knott.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m. with prayer said by everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret McCafferty

Secretary, Mission Committee